

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
January 7th, 2013 at 7p.m
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, Jon Stantz, and Dean Bruce

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Chief Marshal Richard Foutch, Street Dept. Supt Larry Parrish, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Michael Stanley,

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR December 21st, 2012 REGULAR MEETING
Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Jon Stantz and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Jon Stantz made a motion to leave officers, as they are. Motion was seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

All board appointments for 2013 will remain the same as 2012.

The 2013 appointment for the Redevelopment Commission recommendation by the Owen County Redevelopment Commission is Jay Henson.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the recommendation, it was seconded, and passed.

It was suggested that the current members of the Planning and Zoning Boards attend the next Town Council Meeting. At that time, the Board will determine who wants to continue serving, and what, if any appointments need to be made.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

The American Legion representative was present to request a sewer adjustment. He explained there were several issues, all at the same time. Some of these issues qualified for adjustment under the Town policy, but at least one did not. It was difficult to determine the cost of each leak.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve 50% of the calculated leak adjustment, it was seconded and passed.

Next, Cynthia discussed the meeting of the Master Parks Plan committee where they interviewed potential engineering firms for the project. The recommendation was to hire Ernstsberger Associates, of Muncie.

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the recommendation for the Engineering firm of Ernstberger Associates. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Foutch stated he has three opening for reserves and is going through the applications, and will get back with a recommendation. Next, he introduced Aaron LaGrange, with the Spencer-Owen Community Schools to discuss the possibility of the Spencer Police joining the security partnership with the schools and the Owen County Sheriff's Dept. Chief Foutch stated that the officers would work on their days off. The recommendation by Chief Foutch was to have the pay run through the town. After further discussion, Dean Bruce recommended that Officer Foutch look into this further.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Parrish asked if there was a way to notify town businesses not to clear snow from their properties, by moving it into the streets. Clearing streets is a big issue anytime there is over four inches of snow. An ordinance is in place to handle no parking during snow events, but it is not enforced, and does not cover certain critical areas, such as the square. The consensus was that the ordinance needs to be reviewed, and better communication is needed when these circumstances arise. Better enforcement of snow removal by residents is needed as well.

Next there was a discussion regarding the increased traffic and parking on North West Street. Discussion about the enforcement of parking violations and parking problems all over town followed. Dean Bruce suggested that they begin by looking at the traffic and parking situation along West Street.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge updated the Board on the Sewer Department. He also had a quote from Cassidy Electric for repairs in the estimated amount of \$1,500.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the quote from Cassady Electrical, not to exceed \$1,500. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Clerk-Treasurer presented the renewal for the annual permit from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in the amount of \$5,400.00.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the invoice for \$5,400 for the renewal of the annual permit. Motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Cynthia Hyde asked for an update on the progress of the server. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the Server is installed, the front office is all connected and sharing programs. New computers were installed in the Police Department and the Sewer department. The Police department will need further work to connect to the server. The sewer department will need to have some software (VPN) added, to access the server. Cheryl will set up a meeting with Jim Clarke to finish this up, and see what the next steps are to add the Police Department to the server.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Cynthia Hyde suggested that the Town consider a presentation by the State Attorney General’s office on the subject of Identity Theft. The Board agreed that this would be good, and a possible time would be prior to a regular meeting in March. Cynthia will look into setting this up.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.
Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 8:30p.m.

_____ Cynthia Hyde, President	_____ Jon Stantz, Vice-President	_____ Dean Bruce, Board Member
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Attest: _____
Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer